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ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE

Re: Request for Title and Summary for Proposed Initiative

Dear Ms. Knight:

Pursuant to Article 11, Section 10(d) of the California Constitution, we are submitting to your office the attached proposed statewide Constitutional Amendment, entitled the "Voters' Right to Protect Marriage," and cordially request that you prepare a title and summary of the measure as provided by law. We have also included with this letter the required signed statement under California Elections Code, Section 9608, our voter registration addresses, and payment in the amount of \$200.

Thank you very much for your time and service. Should you have any questions or require additional information, you can contact us through [VoteYesMarriage.com](http://VoteYesMarriage.com), P.O. Box 511, Sacramento, CA 95812 (916) 265-5643.

Sincerely,

/ Larry Bowler /

/ Ed Hernandez /

Randy Thomasson

**INITIATIVE MEASURE TO BE SUBMITTED DIRECTLY TO VOTERS**

**The Attorney General of California has prepared the following title and summary of the chief purposes and points of the proposed measure:**

**(Insert 100-word title and summary)**

**To the Honorable Secretary of State of California:**

**We the undersigned, registered, qualified voters of California, residents of the afore-described County (or City and County) on the signature page of this petition section hereby propose an amendment to the Constitution of the State of California relating to the voters' right to protect marriage and petition the Secretary of State to submit the same to the voters of California for their adoption or rejection at the next succeeding general election or at any special statewide election held prior to the general election or otherwise provided by law. The proposed amendment reads as follows:**

**Section 1: Title**

This amendment shall be known and cited as the Voters' Right to Protect Marriage Initiative.

**Section 2: Declaration of Findings and Purposes**

The People of California have a compelling responsibility to protect the essence of marriage by ensuring that the civil institution of marriage between one man and one woman is not abolished or diminished. The People find and declare it is in a child's best interest to have a mother and a father, and that marriage rights for one man and one woman should be protected for the well-being of children and families.

**Section 3: Marriage Protection**

Section 1.1 of Article I of the Constitution is added to read:

SEC. 1.1. a) Only marriage between one man and one woman is valid or recognized in California, whether contracted in this state or elsewhere.

b) Neither the Legislature nor any court, government institution, government agency, local government, or government official shall abolish the civil institution of marriage between one man and one woman, or diminish the civil institution of marriage between one man and one woman by bestowing statutory rights or incidents of marriage on unmarried persons, or by requiring private entities to offer or provide rights or incidents of marriage to unmarried persons. Any public act, record, or judicial proceeding, from within this state or another jurisdiction, that violates this section is void and unenforceable.